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The Convention assembled at the Masonic Hall, at 11 o'clock, A. M. On motion of Dr. J. Boone, Dr. JACOB BAER was called to the Chair, and Dr. J. W. GEYER appointed Secretary of the Convention.

On motion of Dr. Lloyd Dorsey, it was

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to organize a Medical Society for Frederick County, to be auxiliary to the Medico Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland.

On motion of Dr. William Tyler, Sr., it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed, to report a Constitution and By-Laws for the government of the Society.

The Chair appointed the following Committee:—Dr. Samuel Tyler, Dr. W. W. Mead and Dr. L. Dorsey.

On motion of Dr. Lloyd Dorsey, the Convention adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M., the Convention re-assembled, Dr. BAER in the chair. The Committee being prepared to report, the Constitution and By-Laws annexed, were read and adopted, after some remarks by the Chairman of the Committee.

# CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called the "MEDICAL SOCIETY OF FREDERICK COUNTY," to be auxiliary to the Medico Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland.

## ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Society shall be:—1st. The separation of regular from irregular practitioners of medicine. 2d. The association of the profession *proper*, for purposes of mutual recognition and fellowship. 3d. The promotion of the character, interests and honor of the fraternity, by maintaining the union and harmony of the profession of the county, and aiming to elevate the standard of Medical Education. 4th. The cultivation and advancement of the science, by our united exertions for mutual improvement, and our contributions to Medical Literature.

## ARTICLE III.

The members of the Society shall be regular practitioners of Medicine and Surgery in the city or county of Frederick; shall be proposed by a member of the Society to the Committee on Admissions, which shall satisfy itself of the regular standing of the candidate, by credentials or otherwise; and upon its recommendation he may be admitted by vote of a majority of the Society, at a regular meeting.

## ARTICLE IV.

No proprietor or vender of any patent or secret medicine or remedy, nor any empirical or irregular practitioner shall either be admitted to, or retained in, the membership of this Society.

## ARTICLE V.

Honorary members may be elected on the nomination of the Committee on Admissions, which shall vouch for their being duly qualified practitioners; but the vote of three-fourths of the members present at a regular meeting shall be necessary for such election.

## ARTICLE VI.

The Officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the regular meeting in June. They shall severally perform the duties indicated by the titles of their respective offices.



## ARTICLE VII.

The President shall appoint, immediately after his election, the following *Standing Committees*, each of which shall consist of three regular members, as follows:

1. A Committee on Admissions.
2. A Committee on Finance.
3. A Committee on Medical Ethics.
4. A Committee on Publication.
5. A Council of Appeal.

## ARTICLE VIII.

Alterations of this Constitution shall not be made except at a meeting subsequent to that at which such alteration shall have been proposed in writing; three-fourths of the members being present.

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## BY-LAWS.

*Section 1.*—This Society shall hold a regular meeting in the first Wednesday of each alternate month, due notice of the same being given by the Secretary, through post or otherwise, to every regular member—six members being necessary to form a quorum.

*Sec. 2.*—The business of each meeting shall be in the following order, viz:

1. Roll call of regular members.
2. Reading proceedings of last meeting.
3. Report of Committee on Admissions and elections thereon.
4. Nomination of members.
5. Reports of Standing Committees, in order.
6. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
7. Report of Treasurer.
8. Reading of Papers and discussions thereon.
9. Reception of Professional or Scientific Intelligence.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Adjournment.

*Sec. 3.*—The Committee on Admissions shall take the names of all candidates for regular or honorary membership, who may be nominated at each regular meeting, and after due inquiry, shall report such as may be found worthy, to the Society, which may

thereupon elect them. In the case of regular members, the vote of a majority of the members present shall suffice; but in the case of honorary members, the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present shall be required, as provided in the 5th article of the constitution.

*Sec. 4.*—The Committee on Finance shall assess the amount necessary for incidental expenses, upon the regular members, by a pro-rata tax, which shall not, however, exceed the sum of three dollars per annum to each individual. The report of this committee shall be subject to the revision of the Society, at a regular meeting.

*Sec. 5.*—The Committee on Publication shall be charged with the printing of such memoirs, orations, or papers, as may be ordered to be published, so that they may be issued on a uniform paper and page, under the title of the “Transactions of the Medical Society of Frederick County, Md.”

*Sec. 6.*—The Committee on Medical Ethics shall hear and decide all complaints of breach of etiquette or violation of medical ethics on the part of any member of the Society. It may report its action to the Society when, in its discretion, it may be expedient, or it may transfer its jurisdiction to the Society, in any particular case, by calling a special meeting for the purpose. It shall likewise decide all questions of medical ethics submitted to it by the Society.

*Sec. 7.*—The Council of Appeal shall notify to appear before it any member of the Society who shall be charged, in writing, with violating any of the provisions of the constitution, a copy of such charge having been previously furnished him, his accuser also being cited to appear, the council shall proceed to take testimony and hear the defence, reserving its decision to be reported to the Society, at the next regular meeting, when its action may be affirmed by a majority of the members present, but the vote of three fourths shall be required to reverse the decision of the Council of Appeal.

*Sec. 8.*—Officers of the Society shall be elected by a ballot, upon the nomination of any member of the Society, a majority being necessary to a choice.

*Sec. 9.*—The names of the regular members of the Society shall be published once in each year, in the newspapers of the city and county, certified by the President and Secretary.

*Sec. 10.*—An anniversary Oration shall be provided for by the election of some regular member of the Society as orator, which



anniversary meeting shall be appointed by the Society, as also the place for holding such meeting.

*Sec. 11.*—A copy of every Oration, Memoir, or Medical paper, read before the Society, shall be kept in its archives by the Secretary, unless otherwise ordered. But no such oration or paper shall be published unless authorized by a vote of the majority at a regular meeting.

*Sec. 12.*—The prompt payment of the annual tax, for incidental expenses, after its amount has been confirmed by a vote of the Society, shall be considered a point of honor.

*Sec. 13.*—No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject, while any other not having spoken desires to be heard; nor shall any speaker occupy more than 15 minutes, unless by a vote of the meeting.

*Sec. 14.*—The President shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Society.

*Sec. 15.*—All Standing Committees shall be required to keep minutes of their proceedings; and the reading of these minutes shall be considered as their report.

*Sec. 16.*—These By-Laws shall not be changed or amended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting; but the operation of any of them may be suspended for the time being by a majority of the members present at any meeting.

To which was appended the following:

The subscribers, having been duly constituted members of the Medical Society of Frederick County, auxiliary to the Medico Chirurgical Society of the State, of which the Constitution and By-Laws are hereunto annexed, do hereby pledge their honor to conform themselves thereto, and to all such other rules and regulations as may hereafter be adopted conformably therewith, so long as they shall severally continue to be members of said Society.

*In testimony whereof they have affixed their respective signatures.*

On motion of Dr. Shields, an election for permanent Officers for the Society, for the ensuing year, was held, which resulted as follows:

WILLIAM TYLER, Sr., *President.*

WILLIAM WATERS, } *Vice Presidents.*  
GEORGE W. WEST, }

SAMUEL TYLER, *Recording Secretary.*

JERNINGAM BOONE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LLOYD DORSEY, *Treasurer.*

On motion of Dr. Samuel Tyler, it was

*Resolved*, That this Society return their thanks to Dr. Jacob Baer and Dr. J. W. Geyer, for their valuable services as officers of the Convention.

On motion of Dr. Jacob Baer, it was

*Resolved*, That a delegation of five be appointed, by the President, to attend the meeting of the Medico Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, to be held on the 7th of this month in Baltimore city.

The President appointed the following committee:—Dr. Lloyd Dorsey, Dr. Jefferson Shields, Dr. Springer, of Middletown, Dr. A. Ritchie and Dr. W. W. Mead.

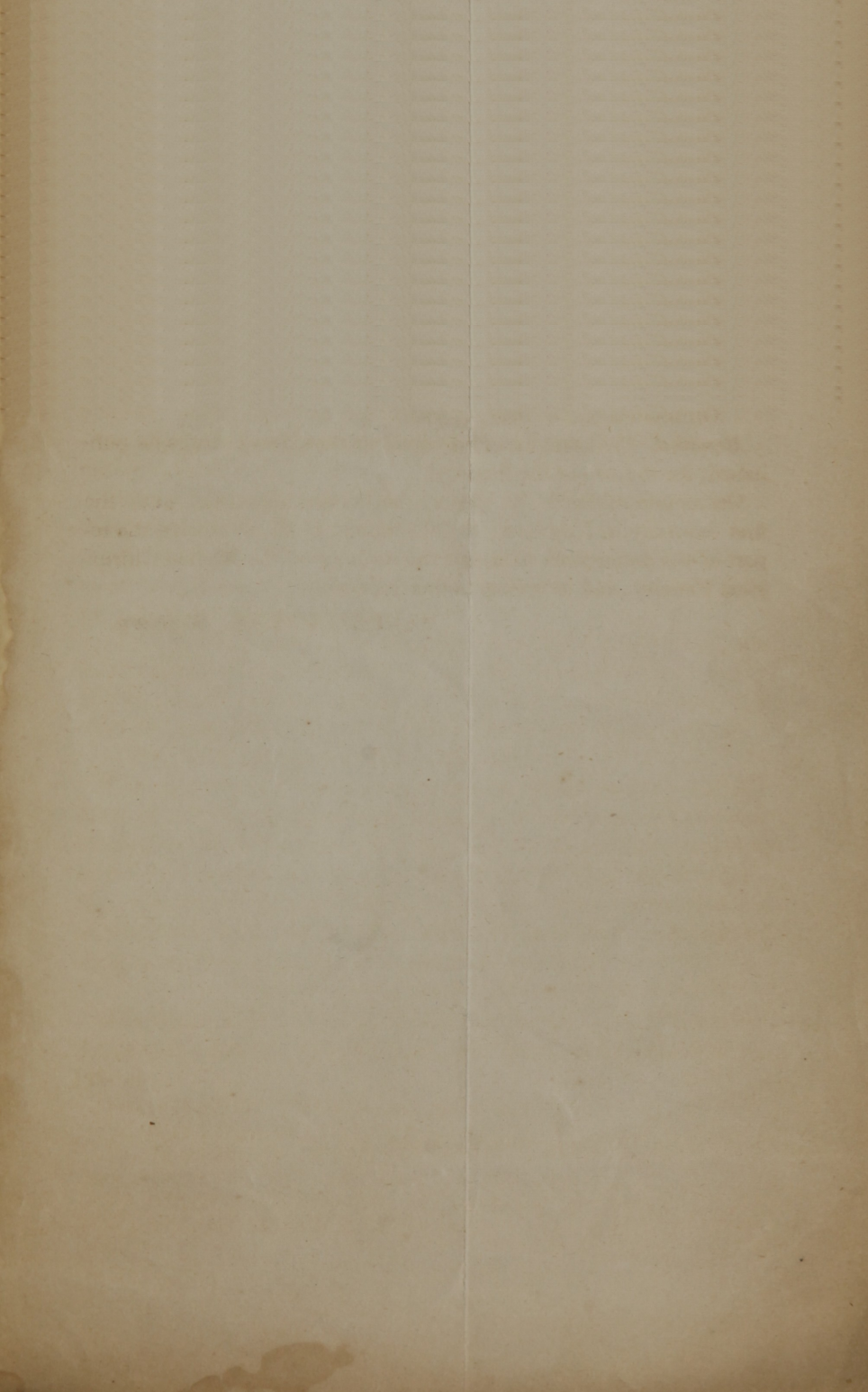
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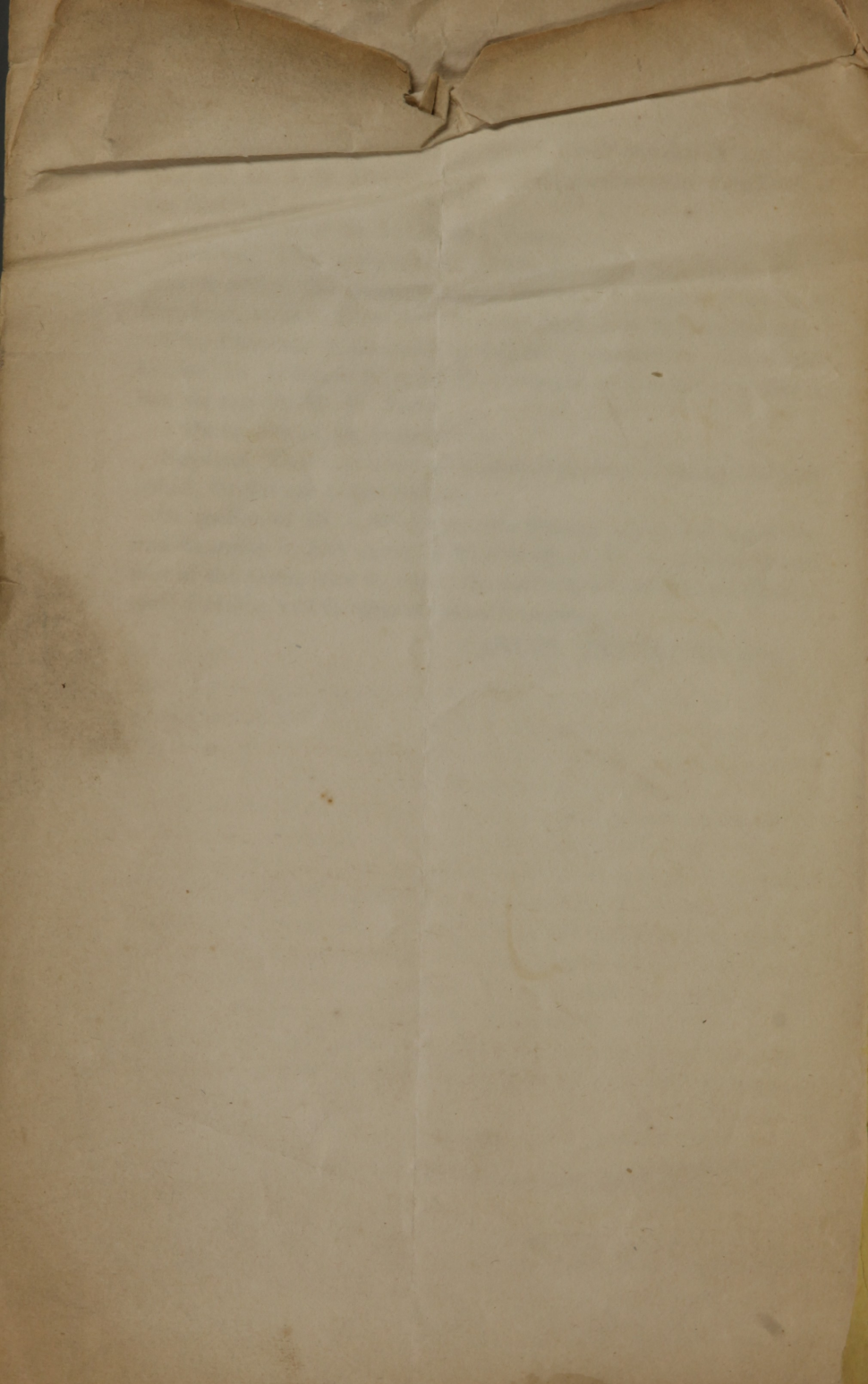
*Resolved*, That one hundred copies of these proceedings be published, for the use of the Society.

On motion of Dr. J. W. Geyer, the Society adjourned until the first Saturday in July next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to receive the report of the Committee to attend the meeting of the Medico Chirurgical Faculty, and to transact other business.

SAMUEL TYLER, *Secretary*.









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